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SUBJECT: MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

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1. LABOR REGRETS TO LEARN THAT COPIES OF DRAFT PROGRAM FOR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR SENT TEHRAN IN UNNUMBERED AID AIRGRAM WITH COPY ALSO SENT SEPARATELY TO POLCOUNS MILLS HAS NOT ARRIVED IN TIME FOR NASSERI TO STUDY BEFORE COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. SUMMARY OF PROGRAM FOLLOWS:

A. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED: THE TYPES OF SERVICES ARE SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND WILL BE PROVIDED SUBJECT TO U.S. LIMITATIONS OF STAFF RESOURCES. THIS DRAFT ATTEMPTS TO COVER THE OBJECTIVES INDICATED DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. NASSERI'S DELEGATION IN DECEMBER 1974. IN GENERAL, THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED ARE:

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1) COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTION-STRENGTHENING FOR IRAN'S
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

THIS WILL INVOLVE A PLANNED SEQUENCE OF INPUTS OF
PROCEDURES, HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, TECHNIQUES, AND STAFF
TRAINING.

2) MORE LIMITED COLLABORATION AIMED AT FACILITATING
IRAN'S DESIRE TO EMPLOY U.S. KNOWLEDGE IN STRENGTHENING
IRAN'S MANPOWER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS. THIS WILL
INVOLVE ADVISING CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA
FOR IRAN'S EMPLOYMENT OF SKILL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS
IN THE U.S. PRIVATE SECTOR; MAKING AVAILABLE U.S.
EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO MOBILE AND FIXED OCCUPATIONAL
TRAINING CENTERS; RECRUITMENT OF AMERICAN TRAINING
EXPERTS FOR WORK IN IRAN; AND TRAINING OF IRANIAN
TRAINING OFFICIALS IN THE U.S.

3) ASSURING EFFECTIVE AND SWIFT ACCESS FOR IRAN--ON AN
AD HOC, AS NEEDED BASIS--TO COMPETENT AMERICAN EXPERTS
FOR SHORT-TERM CONSULTANT MISSIONS IN IRAN OR FOR
SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR IRANIANS IN THE U.S. ON
ANY SUBJECTS IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS
COMPETENT--E.G., LABOR STATISTICS, LABOR RELATIONS,
EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS OF WOMEN, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ETC.

4) PROVIDING SPECIAL NON-REIMBURSABLE COLLABORATION
SUCH AS USE OF THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AS A SOURCE
OF RECRUITMENT OF AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS FOR WORK IN
IRAN.

B. FORMAT OF PROPOSED PROGRAM:

1) THE PROGRAM WOULD BE ENTERED INTO THROUGH A "MINISTRY-
TO-MINISTRY" AGREEMENT, UNDER SECTION 607 OF THE FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ACT, AND WOULD BE ONE OF THE JOINT ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION.

2) THE PROGRAM WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STAGES:

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A) STAGE ONE WOULD CONSIST OF THE JOINT U.S.-IRAN EFFORTS
NECESSARY TO DEVELOP, PRICE OUT, AND AGREE UPON THE
LONG-RANGE PROGRAM. THIS STAGE WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN
ABOUT FIVE MONTHS AND WILL INCLUDE:

(1) PRELIMINARY PLANNING WITHIN THE U.S. INCLUDING,
PARTICULARLY, DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND NEGOTIATING FOR THE PARTICIPATION

OF ONE OF THE STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCIES (HOPE-
FULLY TEXAS) WHOSE COOPERATION IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL

TO THE SUCCESS OF THE INSTITUTION-STRENGTHENING ASPECTS
OF THE PROGRAM.

(2) THREE IRANIAN TEAM VISITS TO THE U.S. TO DEVELOP
THE DETAILS OF THE LONG-RANGE PROGRAM.

(3) ONE U.S. TEAM VISIT TO IRAN AND NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE LONG-RANGE PROGRAM.

B) STAGE TWO WILL CONSIST OF THE LONG-RANGE PROGRAM,
PROBABLY TO EXTEND OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD, TO PROVIDE
THE SERVICES LISTED UNDER B ABOVE. THE DETAILS WILL BE
AGREED UPON AND DEFINED IN DETAIL AS A RESULT OF THE
STAGE ONE ACTIVITIES.

C. FINANCING: THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS WILL BE
FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN. THE ESTIMATED COST
OF STAGE ONE IS DOLS 68,640. THIS IS INTENDED TO COVER
ALL OF THE COSTS-INCLUDING SALARIES, OVERHEAD AND
TRAVEL--OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYEES INVOLVED
IN STAGE ONE. IT DOES NOT COVER TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES
OF THE IRANIAN OFFICIALS WHO WILL VISIT THE U.S.

3. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE
BURNIE MERSON, USAID; JAMES KALLENBORN, DIRECTOR OF
PLANNING, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION;
AND DANIEL LAZORCHICK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM
OPERATIONS, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS.

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